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METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING PROTEASES, PROTEASE TARGET

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2000, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 9 and amend claim 3 as follows.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, **April 5**, **2001**, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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